## SENATE BILL 829 By Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 1, Part 1, relative to prohibiting adoptions by certain persons.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

- SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-107, is amended by inserting the following as a new subsection (d):
  - (d) Notwithstanding anything in this part to the contrary, no person is eligible to adopt if that person is a homosexual. As used in this section, "homosexual" means any person who voluntarily and knowingly engages in or submits to any sexual contact involving another person of the same gender.
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-115, is amended by inserting the following as a new subsection (h):
  - (h) Notwithstanding anything in this part to the contrary, no person is eligible to adopt if that person is a homosexual. As used in this section, "homosexual" means any person who voluntarily and knowingly engages in or submits to any sexual contact involving another person of the same gender.
- SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.